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WEBSITE HACKED IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the website of the Andhra Pradesh Telecom Department was hacked several times in October, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard and to prevent involvement of I.S.I. from the websites?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) The website of Andhra Pradesh Telecom Circle was hacked once on 4th October, 2000.

(b) This happened when the website was temporarily shifted to atest server on 3rd October, 2000. The main server was under upgradation during this period

The website on test server was working with only static wen pages and without any database. The security features were therefore not enabled. Upgradation of the main server was subsequently completed and the website shifted back on 5th October, 2000.

(c) Precautions are taken by Andhra Pradesh Telecom Circle to ensure security of the website.